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MULTINATIONALS IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give priority to the multinational companies in some areas in the Telecommunications Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the areas identified for the purpose including the percentage of ratio envisaged for multinationals therein;

(c) whether the Government have prepared a master plan envisaging creation of `band width on demand` up to every Taluka level in planned manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) No, Sir.

b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

c) Government have prepared a master plan for provision of bandwidth on demand up to District Headquarter level by March 2001. Thereafter, the provision is proposed to be extended to the Sub-Divisional and Tehsil/Taluk Headquarter level in phased manner. This plan is subject to availability of resources.

d) As part of Sanchar Sagar Phase-I Programme, total 10 numbers of Synchronous Transport Module (STM)-16 [2.5 Giga bits per second, (Gbps)] rings covering 17,000 Route Kilometers (RKM) have been planned out of which 06 rings covering 10,000 Route Kilometers (RKM) have been commissioned.As part of Sanchar Sagar Phase-II, another 32 numbers of STM-16 (2.5 Gbps) rings alongwith associated STM-4 and STM-1 systems have been planned to be commissioned by March 2001 subject to availability of resources.